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SUBJECT: CANDIDACY OF STEPHEN M. SCHWEBEL FOR INTERNATIONAL  
LAW COMMISSION (ILC)

REF: LUKENS/STEWART LETTER OF JUNE 24

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCED LETTER, SCHWEBEL AND CASTRO-  
RIAL ARE NOT COMPETING FOR SAME POSITION. US, UK AND  
FRANCE, AS PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL, HAVE TRA-  
DITIONALLY OCCUPIED SEATS ON ILC; OTHER WEO SEATS HAVE  
ROTATED.

2. IN ANSWER TO YOUR REQUEST FOR BACKGROUND ON ILC, ILC  
IS COMPOSED OF 25 MEMBERS ELECTED FOR 5-YEAR TERMS BY UN  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY; MEMBERS ARE NOT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTA-  
TIVES, AND SIT IN PERSONAL CAPACITY AS INTERNATIONAL LEGAL  
EXPERTS. ILC MEETS IN GENEVA EACH YEAR FOR SINGLE SESSION  
LASTING 14 WEEKS. GENERAL MISSION OF ILC IS PROGRESSIVE  
DEVELOPMENT AND CODIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW; TO THIS  
END, ILC STUDIES SPECIFIC LEGAL TOPICS (UPON REQUEST OR  
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WITH APPROVAL OF UNGA) AND PRODUCES DRAFT ARTICLES WHICH

MAY LATER FORM BASIS OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS. IN RECENT YEARS, ILC HAS CONSIDERED SUCH QUESTIONS AS PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS AND SUCCESSION OF STATES TO TREATIES. IT

IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON STATE RESPONSIBILITY, NONNAVIGATIONAL USES OF INTERNATIONAL WATERCOURSES, THE MOST-FAVORED-NATION CLAUSE, AND SUCCESSION OF STATES. KISSINGER

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